

REMARKS

In the Office Action, claims 49-59, 63-66, 69-78, 82-85 and 88 were rejected and claims 60-62, 67, 68, 79-81, 86 and 87 were objected to. By the present Response, claims 49, 59, 61, 70, 78, and 80 are amended, and claims 58, 60, 77, and 79 are canceled. Upon entry of the amendments, claims 49-57, 59, 61-76, 78 and 80-88 will remain pending in the present patent application. Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and allowance of all pending claims in light of the amendments and the following remarks.

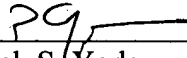
In the Office Action, claim 60 was indicated as reciting allowable subject matter. Subject matter from claim 60 believed to be the basis for its allowability, as well as subject matter from intervening claim 58 has been incorporated into claim 49. Claims 58 and 60 have, accordingly, been canceled. The dependencies of claims 59 and 61 have also been corrected. Claim 49 and its dependent claims are therefore believed to be in condition for allowance.

Similarly, in the Office Action, claim 79 was indicated as reciting allowable subject matter. Subject matter from claim 79 believed to be the basis for its allowability, as well as subject matter from intervening claim 77 has been incorporated into claim 70. Claims 77 and 79 have, accordingly, been canceled. The dependencies of claims 78 and 80 have also been corrected. Claim 70 and its dependent claims are therefore believed to be in condition for allowance.

In view of the remarks and amendments set forth above, Applicants respectfully request allowance of the pending claims. If the Examiner believes that a telephonic interview will help speed this application toward issuance, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

Respectfully submitted,

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